

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2061 - HB 2123

June 2, 2020

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Changes, from 1:3,000 students to 1:2,500 students, the ratio for funding full-time public school nurse positions from the Basic Education Program (BEP). Further, changes, from one for each 3,000 students to one for each 2,500 students, the required ratio for employing school nurses considered sufficient to adequately provide services.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$2,494,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (017907):** Changes the effective date from July 1, 2020 to upon becoming law.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Education, changing the funding ratio for nurses from 1:3,000 to 1:2,500 increases the number of nursing positions generated through the BEP from 355.4 to 414.2, for a net increase of approximately 58.8 nursing positions.
- Re-calculating the FY20-21 BEP, using a nurse to student ratio of 1:2,500, with a minimum of one position per LEA, will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$2,494,000.
- The proposed legislation would not require any districts to increase their local contribution in order to meet the increased required local match; therefore, any fiscal impact on local government is not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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